WHEREAS, The efficient functioning of modern society is largely dependent upon effective communication, and the modern methods of communication have come more and more to rest in the hands of our office secretaries; and,

WHEREAS, The increasing amount of communications inherent in our complex society has made it necessary for today's secretary not only to acquire technical skills for the use of office machines and the taking of dictation, but to assume the responsibility for countless details in the operation of a business; and,

WHEREAS, Today's secretary must have at her command tact, diplomacy, and many other attributes so necessary to the increasing role she plays in good public relations for her employer; and,

WHEREAS, The important contribution made by secretaries in the economic and governmental life of our country has been recognized by establishing the last week in April as Secretaries Week, and Wednesday, April 25, 1973, has been designated as Secretaries Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby declare the week of April 22 through April 28, 1973, as

SECRETARIES WEEK

and Wednesday, April 25, 1973, as

SECRETARIES DAY

and I urge all citizens to recognize and pay tribute to the efforts made by our secretaries in the operation of industry, the professions, and government, all of which have made them truly silent partners in American business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 16th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and seventy-three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herset

LORNA B. HERSET, SECRETARY OF STATE